--- "Series of 1880-81" - 1/5th Pound - CUSTOMS - the John McKay Report ---

--- *without* the 28 mm. imprint "British American Bank Note Co. Montreal" **- scanned at 67% scale ---**

--- 1/5th pound - lithographed in blue ink - 238 x 20 mm - 4 mm. blue controls - inscribed *J. L. Vincent* / **Col. Inland Rev.---**

Chris Ryan reports that *J. L. Vincent* replaced *Dunbar Browne* as Collector at Montreal on May 1st 1879.

John McKay records that 256,650 *lithographed* copies of "1/5 Blue (old) Tobacco" and 10,000 *lithographed* copies of "Not more than 1-5th Blue Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886).

He seems to have been opposing the two "Division Open" varieties; **RP-344** the "old" strip (inscribed "LICENSE") - to **RP-342**; the later printed "Not more than 1-5th Blue Tobacco" strip (inscribed "ENTRY"). The imprint-free "Open" strip **RP-344** has "LICENSE" in the value panel, and is hand stamped NOT MORE THAN in 2 mm. red Roman letters on the left side. The collection *does not* contain a control numbered copy of **RP-344**, and no copy in the collection is actually inscribed "NOT MORE THAN". The example of **RP-344n** (which is inscribed "LICENSE") is not so hand stamped.

Finally John McKay in the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892) records the 'Delivery' of 9,008 *lithographed* copies of 1/5 lb. "Blue Ribbon Tobacco". This second "TOBACCO" section of the **4th BABN Contract** has been reserved to record the *obsolete* stock returned by BABN to the Department in February / March 1888 for disposal.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) -	256,650
	10,000
4th BABN Contract - 2nd section -	9,008
	275,658

The final 'upper-limit' control numbering on the 1/5th pound blue "Canada Customs" strips – as collected to date

RP-342 - 1/5th pound, Division Open - A 65	**117300**
RP-366 - 1/5th pound, Montreal Division - M 65	none
RP-387 - 1/5th pound, Toronto Division - C 65	**046658**
	163,958

The catalogue lists the 1/5th pound, blue, Montreal Division "M 65" CUSTOMS strip as follows:

RP-366 - 1/5th pound, blue, perforated 12, Montreal Division - M 65, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - **WANTED!**
RP-367 - 1/5th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Montreal Division - M 65, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - **WANTED!**

--- RP-366 - 1/5th pound - perforated 12 - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---

The collection ***does not*** contain a *control-numbered* copy of **RP-366** - the *perforated* 1/5th pound Montreal Division "M 65" strip - lithographed in blue ink on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove.

RP-366n - 1/5th pound, blue, perforated 12, Montreal Division **"M 65"**, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

The following imperforate strip is a remnant, probably residue from the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract**. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a separate catalogue number.

1/5th pound, blue, *imperforate*, Montreal Division **"M 65"**, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - badly bowed by the lithographer

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